



Burradon Community Primary School



Monday 6th October 2025

Dear Parents / Carers

1) Weekly Attendance update

Below are the individual class attendance figures for last week. The Government expectation is 96% and this should be the minimum that we are all aiming for this year!!

Attendance for Monday 29th September – Friday 3rd October

<u>Year Group</u>	<u>Attendance</u>
Year 5/6	93.8%
Year 4/5	91.9%
Year 3	86.8%
Year 2	92.5%
Year 1	89.5%
FS2 (Ladybirds)	91%

Last week we had no classes above 96% which is our expectation. The average attendance from Y1-Y6 was 90.9% which is significantly below our 96% target. Unfortunately, most of the absence last week was linked to holidays in term time and/or unauthorised absences.

2) Parent / Teacher Nights

We had an excellent turn out for our parents' evenings last week. Can I thank all parents / carers for their time and also for the lovely comments we received about the start of the school year? Your support and positive comments are much appreciated.

3) Water bottles in school

It is really important that all children have a water bottle in school so they can re-hydrate on a regular basis in school. Staff will continue to encourage the children to drink regularly including if they have milk in school.

A polite reminder that there should only be water in children's water bottles which they access in the classroom. We have seen an increase in juice being brought into school and we are a water only school in line with the 'Food in Schools' guidance from the DfE. Your full support with this school rule is very much appreciated.

4) Harvest Festival

As part of our Harvest celebrations in school with the children, we would like to collect donations from parents / carers and members of the local community. These donations will go to the Cramlington Foodbank. Thank you in advance for your support.



- Dried food can be brought into school from **Monday 13th October.**
- Any donations of fresh fruit and vegetables can be brought into school from **Monday 20th October until Wednesday 22nd October.**

5) Flood update

Our dehumidifiers continue to be in place across the main hall and the small hall. Following a discussion with the school a week ago, a specialist restoration company was appointed by the loss adjuster to attend school and inspect the floors. This visit took place on Friday.

Unfortunately, the site visit on Friday afternoon has revealed that we need a more in depth investigation of both hall sub floors and the kitchen floor. This is booked to take place at the end of this week which was the first available timeslot for the company carrying out the work on behalf of the insurance company.

In addition, the loss adjuster has needed to complete a further report to our insurance company due to the rising costs that are being incurred and the quotes that have been sent for the predicted repairs. The loss adjuster is awaiting a response from the insurance company. I am not able to carry out any works without prior approval and I now have the added complication of a more in depth investigation in the hall and kitchen areas.

Unfortunately, all of this takes time. We are working as fast as we can but have to follow the correct procedures and processes to repair the significant damage caused by flood. The governors, staff and I appreciate your support and understanding in what is a very challenging time!

6) October Half Term holidays

Where does the time go – hard to believe we are already at the end of September!!! Can I remind parents that the children break up for ½ term holidays at the end of Thursday 24th October as we have a training day on Friday 25th October? Children will return to school on Monday 3rd November.

Yours Sincerely

A.L.Hunter

Miss A.L. Hunter
Headteacher



Upcoming events at Burradon Community Primary School

Letters for events and activities below, where appropriate, will follow.

7 th October	9am – Burradon Helpers' meeting
23 rd October	Halloween / Non-Uniform dress up day
23 rd October	World War Presentation for Y4/5 and Y5/6
24 th October	<u>Teacher Training Day 2 (school closed to all pupils)</u>
27 th October	<u>October half term holidays</u>
3 rd November	<u>School re-opens after half term holiday</u>
4 th November	Phonics meeting for FS2 (Reception) parents (TBC)
5 th November	Y3 visit to the Hindu temple in Newcastle (TBC)
7 th November	Individual and immediate family photographs being taken in school
10 th November	Odd socks for Anti-Bullying week
10 th November	Anti-Bullying week 'Power for Good' theme
10 th November	World Nursery Rhyme week
11 th November	Northumbria Police 'Internet and Us' sessions for Year 5 and Year 6
11 th November	9am – Nursery Rhyme session for parents / carers of FS1 (Nursery) pupils (TBC)
14 th November	9am – Nursery Rhyme session for parents / carers of FS2 (Reception) pupils (TBC)
19 th November	9am – Burradon Helper's meeting
19 th December	<u>School closes at end of today for Christmas holidays</u>
5 th January	<u>Teacher Training Day 3 (school closed to all pupils)</u>
6 th January	<u>School re-opens after Christmas holidays</u>

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